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                       UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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          CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION
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    EUROSUN TECHNOLOGY, LTD., a
                                             Cause No.
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    Hong Kong corporation,
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               Plaintiff,
                                             COMPLAINT IN ADMIRALTY IN
                                             PERSONAM AND IN REM
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          v.
    HSIN SILK ROAD SHIPPING LTD., a
    Hong Kong corporation, in personam;
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    and Container Nos. LYGU6136764;
    LYGU6137082; LYGU6137204;
   LYGU6136091; LYGU6136996;
LYGU6136722; HPCU4146811;
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    HPCU4146703; HPCU4146684;
    HPCU4146792; HPCU4146956;
   HPCU4145570; HPCU4147016;
HPCU4146977; HPCU4146690;
HPCU4147037; LYGU6137225;
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    LYGU6136240; LYGU6136933;
    LYGU6137288; HPCU4145604;
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    HPCU4145013; HPCU4145121;
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    HPCU4145008; LYGU6136620, and
    their contents, in rem,
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               Defendants.
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          COMES NOW plaintiff Eurosun Technology, Ltd. ("Eurosun"), as and for its
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    Complaint against defendants Hsin Silk Road Shipping, Ltd. ("HSR") and Container
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    Nos. LYGU6137082; LYGU6137204; LYGU6136091; LYGU6136996;
    LYGU6136722; HPCU4146811; HPCU4146703; HPCU4146684; HPCU4146792;
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## **PARTIES**

- 1. Eurosun is a Hong Kong corporation with its primary place of business in Hong Kong which operates, *inter alia*, as the exporter of home exercise equipment from China.
- 2. HSR is an ocean common carrier as defined by 46 CFR 515.2 (h) and (m)(l).
- 3. The *in rem* defendants are twenty five 40' ocean shipping containers loaded with and containing various home exercise equipment which Eurosun intended to sell to U.S. importers, and of which Eurosun currently is the sole lawful owner. The *in rem* defendants' estimated value is \$11,879,252.70.

## **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 4. This is a case of admiralty and maritime subject-matter jurisdiction within the meaning of Fed. R. Civ. P. 9(h) and Fed. R. Civ. P. Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, Rule C(2) and D, as hereinafter more fully appears.
- 5. On information and belief, the *in rem* defendants currently are within the Court's territorial jurisdiction at 6840 Van Buren Blvd, Riverside, CA 92509 at a facility operated by an entity believed to be known as "KY Spice."
- 6. The Court has admiralty jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1333, as it derives from maritime contracts that remain executory inasmuch as HSR's ocean bills of lading govern the transport of the cargo at issue through delivery, and delivery has not been effected.

- 7. The Court has personal jurisdiction based on the location of the *in rem* defendants; and the fact that the *in personam* defendant regularly transacts business within the Court's territorial jurisdiction, including the transaction at issue.
- 8. Venue in this Court is proper based on the location of property, witnesses and evidence within the Court's territorial jurisdiction.

## **ALLEGATIONS OF OPERATIVE FACT**

- 9. HSR entered into contracts of carriage with Eurosun by which HSR, as ocean carrier, agreed to transport cargo owned by Eurosun, i.e., the *in rem* defendants, from the Port of Ningbo, China to the Port of Los Angeles for ultimate delivery to named consignees in New York. Copies of said contracts of carriage, i.e., HSR's bills of lading, are attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein.
- 10. HSR transported the *in rem* defendants to the Port of Los Angeles on the vessel NOMADIC MILDE, operated by HSR, and offloaded the *in rem* defendants for storage at the address stated in paragraph 5 above.
- 11. Eurosun has taken all reasonable steps to pay all proper freight and ancillary charges due and owing for transport of the *in rem* defendants.

  Nonetheless, HSR has precluded the release of the *in rem* defendants to Eurosun or its named consignees.
- 12. Despite plaintiffs' repeated demands, HSR has failed and refused to deliver the *in rem* defendants to Eurosun, or to allow Eurosun to take possession of the *in rem* defendants.

## FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION BREACH OF MARITIME CONTRACT (HSR)

- 13. Eurosun repeats and realleges the allegations of paragraphs 1 through12 as if fully stated herein.
- 14. HSR's bills of lading constitute maritime contracts between HSR and Eurosun by which HSR is obligated to deliver to Eurosun, or to Eurosun's designated consignees, the *in rem* defendants upon arrival.

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- 23. HSR has no ownership or possessory interest in the *in rem* defendants, and is wrongfully in possession of the same as herein alleged.
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21 as if fully stated herein.

1	24.	Eurosun is entitled to an order of replevin regarding the in rem
2	defendants.	
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4	WHE	REFORE, plaintiffs pray for relief as follows:
5	1	For an award of monetary damages in the amount of \$11,879,252.70
6	against HSF	as a result of its breach of contract and/or conversion;
7	2.	For an award of replevin of the in rem defendants;
8	3.	That process in due form of law according to the practice of this Court
9	in causes of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction issue against the in rem defendants,	
10	and that Eur	rosun have judgment against or possession of the in rem defendants;
11	4.	For an award of pre- and post-judgment interest and costs of suit
12	incurred herein;	
13	5.	For an award of Eurosun's costs and attorneys' fees incurred in the
14	prosecution of this action; and	
15	6.	For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.
16	DATED: June 14, 2022	
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